

Few home day cares registered with state

There are approximately 900 registered family day-care homes in which from one to six children are cared for throughout Oakland County.

Yet, this number may well represent but a fraction of such homes in operation.

The reasons for this probably fall into two main categories — those who are unaware that they are required by law to register with the state and those who are afraid to do so.

In reality, the registration process is relatively simple, and most applications are approved.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) encourages applications and does not impose any penalties on those who may have already been operating a non-registered home and now wish to register.

THE DSS CITES many benefits to registration.

First, you will be in compliance with the law. Also, you will be entitled to several tax deductions. And the DSS will place you on their listings, if you so desire, providing free advertising.

Many parents will only place their children in a registered home.

The procedure, in brief, is as follows.

Call the DSS and request an inquiry packet.

Upon receiving it, you have to fill out an application, provide three ref-



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erences by non-relatives, provide certification that no one in your household age 14 or older has tuberculosis and a statement from your physician that you are mentally and physically capable of handling the responsibility of child care.

YOU THEN attend the DSS's three-hour-long orientation session, during which time the law and various procedures and regulations are reviewed, questions are answered, child-care hints are given, and additional paperwork is filled out.

The DSS must then verify that you have no criminal record or record of child abuse or neglect. If all is in order, a certificate of registration will be sent to your home in four to six weeks.

You are now permitted to legally operate a family day-care home. But, within three months, you will have a home check by the DSS.

At this time, they will inspect numerous things such as safety conditions, adequate space and sleeping facilities, toys and equipment. DSS will leave a list of things to be corrected within a specified period of time.

around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to **Around Farmington**, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. **Deadline is noon Monday for Thursday publication and noon Thursday for Monday publication.** Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.

GARAGE SALE
Thursday-Saturday, June 1-3: Garage sale sponsored by Country Oaks Subdivision Association 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Entrance to the subdivision is on the south side of 13 Mile between Drake and Halsted.

BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, June 1: Blood Drive sponsored by Novi Community Church 2-5 p.m. in Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 10 Mile. For appointments, call Val Bartolotti, 661-9177.

SUBURBAN CHORALE
Friday, June 2: Suburban Choral in concert at 7:30 p.m. in Livonia Civic Library, Five Mile and Farmington Road. No charge.

SYMPHONY AUDITIONS
Friday-Sunday, June 2-4: Livonia Symphony Orchestra auditions 5-7 p.m. each night in the music wing of Madonna College, 36800 Schoolcraft. For audition appointment or inquiries, call Livonia city offices, 421-2000 Ext. 351.

MUSICAL CONCERT
Friday, June 2: Farmington Musical members in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 19 Mile. Tickets at \$10 each available by calling the center, 477-8404. Proceeds will be used to buy a grand piano for the center.

SCHOOL FAIR
Friday, June 3: School fair and craft show 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Larkshire Elementary School and on the grounds at 23800 Tuck. No admission charge to the grounds.

BINGO
Saturday, June 3: Bingo games run

continuously 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by Larkshire Elementary School PTA in the school, 23800 Tuck.

SAY NO TO DRUGS
Saturday, June 3: "Say No To Drugs," musical staged by fifth and sixth graders at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

APPRAISAL CLINIC
Saturday, June 3: DuMoucelle Gallery representatives appraise family heirlooms or modern treasures from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in The Community Center. Fee is \$3 per item. Appointments made by calling the center, 477-8404.

LA FETE AU JARDIN
Sunday, June 4: "La Fete au Jardin," St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's annual garden party with entertainment, fine wines and gourmet foods from 2-6 p.m. on the grounds of the center, corner of 12 Mile and Inkster Road. Reservations at \$75 each, made by calling the center weekdays, 626-7527.

DESSERT CARNIVAL
Sunday, June 4: "Dessert Carnival," fine desserts sold to take home or eat on the premises from 2-3:30 p.m. in Farmington Inn, 30350 12 Mile Road. All proceeds will be used to finance activities for the residents.

SUMMER IN THE PARK
Sunday, June 4: Farmington Community Band begins its summer season with "Summer in the Park," at 7 p.m. in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Guest performance by the Farmington Youth Band. No charge. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

MUSICAL PAINTINGS
Monday, June 5: "Musical Photo Paintings," program for the armchair traveler by artist, photographer and musician Richard Vernick, at 7:30 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. Tickets are \$10 each available in the church office.

KAYAKING
Tuesday, June 6: "Kayaking the Rivers & Oceans," program led by Benchmark of Farmington at 7 p.m. in The Community Center. Reservations at \$8 each taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

SUMMER APPETIZERS
Wednesday, June 7: "Summer Appetizers," lecture, demonstration and tasting party led by Judy Antishin at 7 p.m. in The Community Center. Reservations at \$13 each taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

CROSS STITCH TRUNK SHOW
Wednesday through Wednesday, June 7-14: Strony Creek Collection Trunk Show of counted cross stitch on display during regular shop hours in The Hocking Horse, 33245 Grand River.

CANOEING-KAYAKING
Thursday, June 13: Hands on demonstration of canoeing and kayaking at 7 p.m. on the front lawn (weather permitting) of Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. Program led by Sandy Graham of the Benchmark. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

CREATIVE CAMP
Tuesday through Thursday, June 13-15 and 20-22: Creative Camp for 4-7 year olds offers drama, music and art from 9 a.m. to noon each day in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$56. Registrations taken by calling the center, 477-8404. Creative Camp is repeated July 10-20.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Wednesday, June 14: Immunization Clinic sponsored by Oakland County Health Division from 9 a.m. to noon in Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road. Open to all county residents. No charge.

Musical Photo Paintings for armchair travelers

Richard Vernick, traveler, photographer, and business executive, will present "This is My Country," a program of Musical Photo Paintings at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, in Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 13 Mile, corner of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

Vernick is presenting his program as a benefit for Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit Christian housing ministry working in partnership with people in need to improve

worldwide living conditions. With 240 housing projects underway in the United States and Canada and 50 projects overseas, monetary support for projects in developing countries comes mainly from the United States, Canada and Europe. Regional refreshments will be served as part of the evening's entertainment. Tickets are \$10 per person and are fully tax deductible. For tickets call the church office, 626-7508.

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